Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Do you mean to say that you call in the recommendations of the Director in the matter of postponing?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—There is no such rule that the Director should be consulted. As a matter of etiquette we do it. No appointment is usually made without the Director's consultation—nomination or recommendation.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—In this particular case why was that usual rule not taken into consideration?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Because it was not considered necessary to get proposals from him.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—What are those reasons which are necessary?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—If there are conflicting claims.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Do you mean to say in this case it is because of the absence of conflicting claims that you did not consult the Director?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It may be one of the elements.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Which are those elements which are necessary for the consultation of the Director?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I cannot give an answer to this.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Unless I get the information, there is no purpose in my asking questions. I submit that this may be answered straight.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Such questions may be put definitely, and definite answers would be given.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—This is perfectly definite.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It is definitely answered also. You can ask for whatever information you want by putting supplementary questions.

136. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what arrangements were made to fill up the vacancy in the Maharaja's College caused by Professor Nambiyar's deputation to Chenganacheri;

(b) whether in making these arrangements, proposals were called for from the Director of Public Instruction as usual;

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the negative, the special reasons for ignoring the Director's proposals in this rather important matter;

(d) whether it is not true that the recent appointment of Mr. T. S. Ramanatha Ayyar as Mathematics Tutor, was made by the Diwan's Office instead of by the Director;

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(e) if answer to (d) is in the affirmative, the special reasons, if any, for encroaching upon the right of the Director to make appointments up to Rs. 100;

(f) whether Mr. F. S. Davies, when he was the Director, had not protested against similar encroachments by the Diwan's Office and in consequence the Diwan had cancelled such appointment;

(g) whether similar protests with the same success were not raised by Mr. P. Krishna Menon, when he was the Chairman of the Ernakulam Town Council?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) The vacancy has not been filled up.

(b) Proposals were called for to fill up the vacancy

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No.

(e) The question does not arise in view of the answer to (d).

(f) No such instance is forthcoming.

(g) Vide answer to (f).

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Answer to (a) is "the vacancy has not been filled up." What has been done with the vacancy, if it is not filled up?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The filling up of the vacancy is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—How long is it since the post fell vacant?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I think it is in January 1928.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Since then, why was it not filled up?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I cannot explain it now.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Was there no necessity for such a post for these 8 months?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The work has been otherwise arranged. It is only grade promotions that have been made.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Do you mean to say that there was no necessity for one in the English Professor's place for these 8 months?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—That I cannot say. We are managing the work otherwise, and, I should think, satisfactorily.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—What was the proposal to fill up the vacancy?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Grade promotions were given as they were made by the Director.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—To appoint whom was the proposal?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It is under consideration.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Cannot the proposals be divulged?

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Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No, they cannot be divulged. Final orders have not been passed.

137. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is true that the Government subsequently reversed the order which made Mr. N. R. Krishna Ayyar senior in service to Prince Kerala Varma;

(b) did the Government afterwards declare the seniority of Prince Kerala Varma over Mr. N. R. Krishna Ayyar ;

(c) whether it is true that a clerk in the Huzur Secretariat was threatened with dismissal in this connection and whether he was excused solely because of the Prince's intercession?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) The question does not arise in view of answer to (a).

(c) Government are not aware of any such thing.

Experts in Spinning.

138. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state;—

(a) whether they have employed any experts in spinning as yet in the schools ;

(b) if the answer is in the negative, whether they intend employing any in the near future ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) There are several teachers who are experts in spinning.

(b) Vide answer to (a).

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